

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

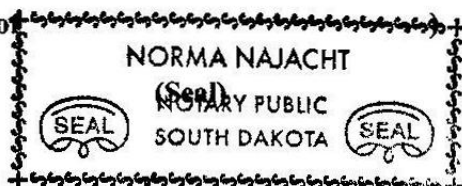
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| 1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER Custer County Chronicle | | 2. DATE OF FILING 12-19-02 | |
| 3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE Weekly | 3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 52 | 3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$29/35 | |
| 4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) 522 Mt. Rushmore Rd Custer SD 57730 | | | |
| 5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) Southern Hills Publishing Inc. PO Box 551 Custer SD 57730 | | | |
| 6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Charles W. Najacht | | | |
| 7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) | | | |
| FULL NAME Southern Hills Publishing Inc | | COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 551 Custer SD 57730 | |
| 8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.) First Western Bank 648 Mt. Rushmore Rd Custer SD 57730 | | | |
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| 9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION | | AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS | ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE |
| A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run) | | 2200 | 2200 |
| B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION | | | |
| 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales. | | 800 | 780 |
| 2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested) | | 1230 | 1223 |
| C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2) | | 2030 | 2003 |
| D. FREE DISTRIBUTION | | | |
| 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS | | 50 | 48 |
| 2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES | | 0 | 0 |
| E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2) | | 2080 | 2051 |
| F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED | | | |
| 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing | | 100 | 125 |
| 2. Return from News Agents | | 20 | 26 |
| G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 - Should equal net press run shown in A) | | 2200 | 2200 |
| SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER | | | |
| I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete. | | Charles W. Najacht | |

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Sworn to before me this 19th day of December, 2002

Norma Najacht
Notary Public

My commission expires May 5, 2006

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